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SUBJECT: SOY PROTEIN SEMINAR: FALB'S VISIT

1. AGATTACHES AND FALB MET TODAY WITH STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH HAS ASSUMED ROLE OF SOVIET SPONSOR FOR SEMINAR. THE SO-CALLED "SUPER MINISTRY" CAN CONTROL SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF EVENT. WE WERE ADVISED THAT UNLESS FULL DAY OF SEMINAR IS DEVOTED TO PRODUCTION OF SOYBEANS, THEY CANNOT ASSURE US OF FULL PARTICIPATION OF SOVIETS.

2. FYI AT LENGTHY MEETING YESTERDAY AT MIN AG THEY ALSO REQUESTED THOROUGH COVERAGE OF BEAN PRODUCTION WITH EMPHASIS ON GENETICS AND SEED BREEDING OF EARLY VARIETIES, PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING PLAN PROTECTION AND MACHINERY, FERTILIZATION, DRYING AND STORAGE. WE ADVISED THEM THAT FOR NUMBER OF REASONS, SEMINAR PROGRAM COULD NOT BE ADJUSTED EXCEPT TO BROADEN FIRST PRESENTATION ON MAY 27 TO INCLUDE OVERVIEW BUT MEANINGFUL COVERAGE THESE SUBJECTS. FURTHER THAN PAPERS ON AS MANY OF THESE TOPICS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.

3. BALB CONSIDERS THAT THREE PROGRAMS AS PLANNED CANNOT BE CHANGED BEYOND MODIFICATION IN TWO ABOVE. HOWEVER, WE ANTICIPATE NO MAJOR LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS IN ADDING A DAY TO PROGRAM EITHER IN USCOMOFF OR SOVIET FACILITY. FALB SUGGESTS A MINIMUM TEAM OF TWO

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PEOPLE BE ADDED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SOYBEAN PRODUCTION.

WE WOULD VISUALIZE THE SEMINAR EXTENDING THROUGH MAY 28 (FRIDAY).
SUGGEST ASA HUDSON BE CONTACTED RE THIS MATTER AND AN AGRONOMIST
AND GENETICIST BE ADDED TO FULFILL EXPANDED PROGRAM.

4. SCICOUN AND USCOMOFF OFFICERS ADVISE THAT FAILURE TO ACCEDE
TO THIS SOVIET REQUEST WILL PROBABLY MEAN POORER ATTENDANCE,
QUALITY AND QUANTITY.

5. REQUEST WASHINGTON DECISION WHETHER OR NOT PROGRAM SHOULD
BE EXPANDED TO FULL DAY ON BEAN PRODUCTION OR RISK PROBABLE
REDUCED PARTICIPATION.
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